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SUBJ: SYRIA-ISRAEL: GROWING DIFFERENCES - PART II

REF: TEL AVIV 9163, USUN 4664

1. TODAY'S PRESS CARRIES STORY THAT A PLAN TO DOUBLE ISRAELI
POPULATION ON GOLAN HEIGHTS BY ESTABLISHING REGIONAL CENTER AND
FOUR NEW SETTLEMENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED THIS WEEK BY MINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE FOR SETTLEMENT IN THE ADMINISTER AREAS,
HEADED BY MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ISRAEL GALILI. REPORT ALSO
STATES THAT DIRECTOR OF WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS'S
SETTLEMENT DEPT SAID PLAN WOULD COST ABOUT 250 MILLION
ISRAELI POUNDS TO IMPLEMENT AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1975.

2. PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFO ABOUT AGENDA OF THIS COMMITTEE
MEETING IS PRECISELY THE KIND OF DEVELOPMENT I HAD IN
MIND IN VOICING CONCERN ABOUT ISRAELI ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS
AND THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECT ON SARG ATTITUDES (TEL AVIV REFTEL).
REPORTS OF THIS SORT CAN ONLY CONFIRM SYRIAN BELIEF THAT
ISRAEL DOES NOT REGARD GOLAN HEIGHTS AS NEGOTIABLE. FURTHERMORE,
IT SEEMS TO ME REPORT COULD NOT HAVE COME AT A WORSE TIME
IN LIGHT OF USYG GUYER'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS TO DISCUSS POWS
AND RETURN OF SYRIAN VILLAGERS TO THEIR HOMES (USUN REFTEL).
THIS DEVELOPMENT UNDERSCORES URGENCY OF OUR RECEIVING
DEPT'S ASSESSMENT AS REQUESTED PARA 5 TEL AVIV REFTEL

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WITH PROBABLE VIEW OF RAISING THIS ISSUE WITH ISRAEL IN NEAR
FUTURE EITHER HERE OR IN WASHINGTON.
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